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Title: **STATISTICAL LANGUAGE MODEL GENERATING DEVICE, SPEECH RECOGNIZING DEVICE, STATISTICAL LANGUAGE MODEL GENERATING METHOD, SPEECH RECOGNIZING METHOD, AND PROGRAM**	: International Business Machines Corp.
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.